



## Rutherford County Environmental Education News Release

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### EVENT ENSURES PROPER DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), in collaboration with Rutherford County and City of Murfreesboro governments, are hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW). All households are encouraged to participate. Acceptable items are home maintenance/improvement products such as used strippers and thinners, adhesives, driveway sealant, roofing tar and wallpaper remover. Home lawn and garden products that are accepted include pesticides, fertilizers and wood preservatives. In addition, acceptable miscellaneous items include pool chemicals, photo processing chemicals, aerosols / compressed gas, mercury thermostats and thermometers, fluorescent tubes, and compact fluorescent bulbs. Medicines and drugs will also be accepted, but please empty medications into a zip-lock plastic bag before bringing to the event. Needles and sharps in puncture proof containers with sealed lids are now accepted, as well. Also, be aware that the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department, located at 940 New Salem Highway in Murfreesboro, has a free collection bin for unused medicine that is available year-round. The bin is located in the main lobby of the department. Needles and sharps are NOT accepted at the Sheriff's Department.

Items that are NOT accepted include infectious wastes, automotive gas tanks, explosives, ammunition, gun powder and fireworks. In addition, radioactive wastes such as smoke detectors and radium paint will not be accepted

Electronic waste is also NOT accepted at this event. Instead, it is collected each Monday through Thursday, and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 1140 Haley Road in Murfreesboro. Items such as old televisions, computers, monitors, and computer peripherals are accepted at the Haley Road site. The center will accept anything with an electric cord and batteries on those days. Because of the hazardous materials in televisions and computer monitors, the County is assessed a fee per pound by the vendor, therefore this fee is passed on to citizens. For more information please go to: <http://solidwaste.rutherfordcountyttn.gov/electronic-waste.html>

**PAINT IS NOT ACCEPTED** at this collection. For directions on solidifying **latex** paint and information on the collection of **oil-based** paint, please refer to <http://solidwaste.rutherfordcountyttn.gov/oil-based-paint.html>. Two oil-based paint collections are scheduled each year on the fourth Saturday of each March and the fourth Saturday of each September. The next upcoming collections are September 24, 2016 and March 25, 2017. You may also call 615 542-4633 for a flyer to be mailed.

**For a fee and advance reservations, small businesses are now able to properly dispose of hazardous materials immediately following this collection.** This program is called the **Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator Program**; it is for businesses such as automotive painting and repair shops, beauty salons, construction companies, dentists, dry cleaners, painters, print shops, property managers, public storage businesses or any other business or not-for-profit agency that needs to dispose of hazardous materials. Please contact Clean Harbors Environmental Services at 615 643-3170 or by e-mail at [TNCSQG@cleanharbors.com](mailto:TNCSQG@cleanharbors.com) for a price quote and appointment time.

This is a great opportunity to safeguard homes from potentially dangerous materials. For more information please contact Mimi D. Keisling at 615 542-4633 or by e-mail at [mkeisling@rutherfordcountyttn.gov](mailto:mkeisling@rutherfordcountyttn.gov), or by logging on to [www.rutherfordcountyttn.gov/](http://www.rutherfordcountyttn.gov/), click on the flyer under "Public Notices" for more details.

**WHAT:**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**WHEN:**

Saturday, November 5, 2016, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**WHERE:**

City of Murfreesboro Public Works Facility, 4765 Florence Road, Murfreesboro, TN

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